

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

After entry of the instant Amendment, claims 4, 6-17, 20 and 21 are pending in the present application. Claim 4 is independent.

Claims 1, 3, 17 and 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. In the previous claim set claims were misnumbered. There were two claims numbered as claim 10. The second claim 10 has been renumbered as claim 11. Accordingly, previous claims 11-16 have been renumbered as claims 12-17, respectively. Claims 19 and 20 have been renumbered as claims 20 and 21.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Request for Entry of Response after Final Rejection

This response should be entered after final rejection because it is believed to automatically place the application in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner disagrees and finds that this response does not place this application into condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to enter this response because it places the application into better condition for appeal.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 3, 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Silkeberg** et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,033,706 in view of Bailey's Industrial Oil and Fat Products, 5th Edition, **Hui**, Y.H., ed., Vol. 4, 1996, page 201 and further in view of Bailey's Industrial Oil and Fat Products, 4th Edition, **Swern**, D., ed., Vol. 2, 1982, pages 294-295 and 303 and further in view of **Beroza** and Kinman, "Sesamin, sesamolin, and sesamol content of the oil of sesame seed as affected by strain, location grown, ageing, and frost damage," JAOCS, Vol. 32, No. 6, June, 1955, pages 348-350 and **Hemalatha** and Ghafoorunissa, "Lignans and Tocopherols in Indian Sesame Cultivars," JAOCS, 2004, Vol. 81, No. 5, pages 467-470.

As claims 1, 3, 17 and 18 have been cancelled herein, their rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 4, 6-16, 19 and 20 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in this application. As discussed above, the second claim 10 and claims 11-16 have been renumbered as claims 11-17, respectively. Thus, claims 4, 6-17, 20 and 21 are the only claims pending after entry of the instant amendment and contain the subject matter which the Examiner indicated was allowable, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

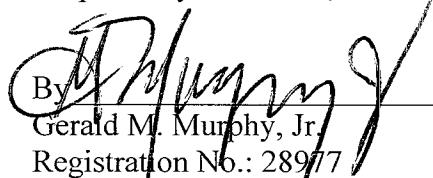
All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Stephanie A. Wardwell, PhD, Registration No. 48,025, at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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